

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of online Parish Council Meeting held on 20th April 2021
Commencing 19.32

Present: Mr P Seaman – Chair, Cllr R Pugh (County Councillor), Mrs E Lee, Miss J Tamblin, Miss Sue Cave, Mr P Bartram, Mr John Williams, Mr D Pugh, Mrs R Warren (Clerk)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Parish Council Meeting and explained to members of the public when they would be able to participate.

1. Apologies – Mr Paul Meatyard

2. Members of the public – six joined the meeting. PCSO Cocks unable to attend but emailed his report:

“From 01/03/21 – 31/03/21 I am pleased to report there were no crimes however this month there has been a particularly unpleasant malicious communication crime which is under investigation.

Numerous patrols have been conducted around the Parish and all was found to be in order.”

Cllr Colin Martin introduced himself – Cornwall Councillor for Lostwithiel, mentioned some issues raised by other Parish Councils such as problems with 4 x 4 drivers in Lanlivery where a stopping -up order had been obtained.

Tim Hughes introduced himself as Mayor of Lostwithiel and Conservative candidate in the forthcoming elections for Cornwall Council. Gave brief details of his background.

3. No interests to disclose by any councillors

4. Minutes of the meeting 16th March 2021 - unanimously approved.

5. Matters arising –

- Lanreath Play Area – Chairman reported that he had obtained the plywood and would be able to carry out repairs soon provided the weather remained dry
- Bury Down Lane – Chairman provided brief details of the background to this continuing and unresolved problem. Councillors then discussed possible remedies, but none that either had been considered previously or were impractical. Cllr Pugh stated that he had a meeting scheduled with Will Glassup (CORMAC Area Manager) tomorrow, and he would attend at Bury Down lane with Chairman and endeavour to get a commitment for help with clearing the problem drains from CORMAC. If no such commitment is forthcoming then this matter will have to remain unresolved as every other avenue has been explored.
- Village defibrillators – Clerk reported that despite a telephone request no written confirmation from our insurers that the policy would cover the two defibrillators. Clerk has made a written request for confirmation, following receipt of the renewal documents yesterday, and will continue to pursue this, and both she and Chairman will read through the policy documentation to try and ascertain that cover is in place.

- Path to village shop – Chairman reported that Mr Paul Meatyard has informed him that one contractor has visited the site and declined to give a quote, and another contractor has been asked to quote, and is yet to attend the site. To be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Road to Carwen Farm – Chairman reported that he had received a response from Will Glassup stating that he had inspected the road and would be nominating it to Cornwall Council for their consideration, but that due to low usage it would not be a high priority and it may be many years before it would be re-surfaced.
- Jeff Manning (Website accessibility practitioner) – Clerk reported that she was still awaiting a response from Halling Parish Council regarding the bona fides of this person, and that although his website was impressive, speaking to the councillors he had worked with would be a more reliable source of reference. She will continue to pursue this matter and report again to the next meeting.
- Salting routes – Cllr. R. Pugh had received an email from Steve Bayley (Highways Cornwall Council) and in precis there is currently no planned change to the gritting network, but Highways would consider salting problem areas after the network has been salted, and when a specific problem is reported. The outcome for Lanreath Parish is that a solution needs to be found before a problem occurs and this is an issue that will have to be considered further.

6. Correspondence

Cornwall Council

- Weekly planning reports –these have been circulated.
- Tamar Bridge Resurfacing – email dated 22nd March had been circulated dealing with when works would be started and traffic management
- Community Governance review and planning consultation – this will not affect Lanreath Parish
- Forest for Cornwall newsletter – Ms Sue Cave will deal with this in the Climate Change section of the meeting
- European Sites Mitigation supplementary planning document – seeking consultation by 23rd April 2021. European designated sites have the highest level of environmental designation in the United Kingdom.
- Liskeard and Looe Community Network panel newsletter - received from Sally Sanders on 29th March and circulated by Clerk to all Councillors
- Community housing seminar – this had taken place on 14th April, and was for community build/land trust groups
- Looe Valley Trails design panel – Chairman had passed this on to Lanreath Walking group for their information
- Minutes for strategic planning committee – email dated 1st April had a link to the minutes for those interested
- Applications for Community Renewal Fund – notification of a webinar which took place on 19th April.
- Minutes East Sub-Area Planning Committee meeting 29th March – received and circulated 9th April

Other

- Devon and Cornwall Police Cyber Protection team – an email of 1st April with a flyer attached had been circulated
- Rural Bulletin – Chairman had circulated to all
- Lanreath Shop plant stand – Shop manager had emailed Chairman to advise of possible problems with the plant stand, but Clerk reported that the difficulty may have been resolved as there had been meeting scheduled between the parties involved last week.
- Chairman added an item regarding a request he had received from the Rusty Bucket charity enquiring as to whether Lanreath Parish Council had set aside

any COVID hardship funding to support a Lanreath couple who had applied to his charity for assistance. Chairman had referred him to Cornwall Community Foundation, and Mr Peter Bartram stated that a similar request had been received by Rotary and some funding assistance given.

7. Planning – consultees comments by 21st April

PA21/01791 - New cattle shed Court Barton Farm, Lanreath

Chairman provided some background, and indicated that this could be viewed as permitted development save for proximity to residential property. After screen sharing site plan, and elevations showing construction design and materials, councillors agreed unanimously to support the application.

PA20/10282 – Re-development of redundant store to provide single unit holiday accommodation

This is an application for conversion of a derelict store in Herodsfoot. Proposed to extend to the side to provide a bedroom, and also to enlarge the living area. There are no other holiday lettings on the site. Chairman reported that it was clear from the documents filed with planning and available via the portal, that there were concerns about land contamination.

The development appears to be within Policy C2 of the Lanreath Neighbourhood Plan regarding requirements to be met for change of use.

Councillors discussed the location of the building and its current dilapidated state, which a member of the public had commented on via the planning portal – it seems to be something of an eyesore currently. Cllr Pugh stated that whilst he would be minded to support the application he had concerns regarding foul waste and whether the arrangements on the site would be sufficient so as to prevent effluent spillage into the river.

Resolved that Lanreath Parish Council support the application provided that there is a thorough investigation of the adequacy of foul water disposal, and that potential land contamination issues are addressed.

8. Climate change

Miss Sue Cave reported that she had received and perused a number of newsletters but generally things had been progressing rather slowly due to COVID.

Forest for Cornwall have not had any activity in our area – it is possible to go on line and report as to land available for tree planting. Some discussion followed regarding possible tree planting at the land surrounding the football pitch in Lanreath after development plans have been finalised. This is something the community could be asked to comment upon and chairman will put something on the Parish website.

Cornwall Council website has an A-Z of recycling advice which is useful for households.

University of Exeter have produced an online tool to measure community carbon footprint. It is available via their website under the name IMPACT.

9. Lanreath Parish Council and Cornwall Council Elections 6th May 2021

Chairman reported that valid nominations had been received for 6 of the ten available seats on Lanreath Parish Council by the closing date for delivery of nomination

papers, and that the Returning Officer has declared that the election is uncontested and so those 6 nominees are duly elected to Lanreath Parish Council as from 6th May 2021. Chairman thanked those Councillors not continuing for their service. At the next meeting there will be an agenda item as to the four vacancies.

- 10. Finance** - resolved that payments made since the last meeting and due to be made in April are all approved, and that £850 be transferred from the deposit to the current account – which will cover the works to the Millennium Building which was approved previously but was unable to be completed. It is likely that these works will be finished before the next meeting.

Upon the Chairman's proposal it was unanimously resolved to re-appoint Derek Hilton as internal auditor for Financial Year 2020/21 and to formally approve his appointment at the next meeting.

Chairman noted that Lanreath Parish Council had ended the year with a budget surplus due to contingencies not having been spent.

11. Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Council

Chairman reported that it is a requirement that there be a Parish meeting before 1st June, and that this would be where the community attend and councillors do not have different voting powers from the community. After some discussion it was resolved that there be a Parish meeting before the May meeting on the same day, and Clerk is to invite representatives of PCC, Minibus, Village Hall, Amenities Group, Community Shop to attend and submit reports at that meeting.

12. County Councillors report

Cllr R. Pugh reported that he is endeavouring to tie up all loose ends prior to his stepping down as a Cornwall Councillor. He is concerned about Connon Bridge and considers that what Cornwall Council are doing is wrong, as there will be many more vehicles using the site. He reflected on his some 40 years as a Parish, then County, Councillor and expressed his hope that Lanreath Parish Council would rise to the challenge of continuing with six councillors.

13. Parish Problems

Chairman reported that he had been informed by David and Lesley Furzer that they had been subjected to a stream of hate mail, he had asked if Lesley and David Furzer were able to attend the meeting. They had done so and confirmed that for some two years they had been receiving vitriolic, upsetting messages, and phone calls. The matter is being investigated by the police. Lesley is mainly the target and it has caused her considerable distress and fear. In approaching the Parish Council they hoped that the person/s responsible would cease. David stated that if they had caused anyone offence they were sorry, but that this was not the way to deal with it. He expressed the sincere hope that the perpetrator/s would reflect on their actions and put an end to this hate campaign. For their parts the Furzers did not want a criminal case to be pursued, but they had little choice but to place the matter in the hands of the Police.

The petrol mower that was used to mow the Millennium Green has gone missing from where it was stored. The Facey Family have donated another machine but it has no collection box. It may be necessary to get a contractor to cut the grass and

do the strimming as this will avoid the need to find a replacement mower and a secure storage place. David Furzer has offered a mower for the Parish Council to buy. Mr John Williams suggested someone who may be able to carry out the work as did Mr Peter Bartram – resolved that Clerk will place an item on the next meeting Agenda to seek quotes for this work, and possible storage (for village May Pole and other items).

14. Conduct of future Parish Council Meetings

Due to uncertainty as to the rules in place, and there being no update on the NALC website since 1st March 2021, resolved that the Clerk will ascertain whether the next meeting can take place remotely or must be face to face, and how the Annual Parish Meeting can be conducted in compliance with the rules in place regarding COVID 19 and to report back to all Councillors as soon as possible.

15. Any Other Business

Chairman reported that there has been an update on the preapplication for the football pitch (PA21/00515/PREAPP) in that Cornwall Highways have submitted comments that can be viewed via the planning portal, but in summary they consider that there will have to be splay lines at the access of 119 meters either side, and a demonstration that the access is sufficient for service vehicles to leave in forward gear.

Paul Haddock, secretary of Lanreath Football Club, had informed Chairman that the Club has had a meeting and will agree to re-locate the pitch should the need arise – subject to a review by the St Piran league’s representative. They will need to raise additional funds to complete the re-location – although some funding has already been identified as being available.

Chairman has contacted Sophie Tregenna (Cornwall Housing Development) and enquired as to whether the intention would be to include changing facilities – as previously was the case. Whilst she needs to confirm this with her manager, she said that it is likely to be included.

Concerning Connon Bridge, there is now a 16 week determination period regarding the planning application, and as there were concerns (already expressed by Cllr R Pugh) regarding the traffic. It was decided that this matter should be deferred to the next meeting, and also put to the community at the Annual Parish meeting. The planning application provides for a vehicle cap, but also seeks to scrap the maximum tonnage, which may mean that much larger/heavier vehicles would be using the site. Whilst Lanreath Parish Council has not been invited to submit consultees comments, at the next meeting a decision can be made as to whether individual comments are submitted, or as a group, Lanreath Parish Council submit comments.

There followed a presentation to Cllr R Pugh to mark his nearly 40 years of service and Chairman thanked him for his work in Lanreath Parish Council and in the wider community.

16. Public Participation

David Furzer confirmed that the email he had sent to Chairman could be circulated to all councillors, so that they could read the type of vile messages they had been receiving.

Mr John Williams said that there had been a Village Hall Committee meeting yesterday and he was pleased to report that they had secured funding of £9,000, which would be most helpful as there were roof repairs required.

Colin Martin commented that he concurred with what had been said about concerns regarding the Connon Bridge Site, and his particular issue with Cornwall Council not having a long term strategy in place - seemingly always defaulting to that site. Regarding climate change he suggested that the Centre for Sustainable Energy have a carbon footprint tool that may be useful.

Tim Hughes thanked the councillors for the meeting and said he hoped to be working with them in the future.

17. Date and time of next meeting – Chairman thanked everyone for attending. Next meeting (venue to be advised) Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 7.30pm